



DONE at the City of Washington this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-first.

By the President:

Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3784

MOTHER'S DAY, 1967

By the President of the United States of America

May 10, 1967

A Proclamation

With each passing generation, the words of the poet—"Children are what the mothers are"—take on greater meaning. We become ever more aware that the quality of our society depends in large measure upon the training our children receive in the early years of their lives.

The American mother has borne the major responsibility for that early training.

The fortitude to brave the frontier, the courage to bear our flag in battle, the compassion to help the needy and the weak at home and in distant lands—all of these have come to our people through traits of character instilled by our mothers.

It is fitting that we should set aside one day each year to pay tribute to our mothers—to thank God for their loving devotion, their moral teaching, and their steadfastness in all the weathers of our souls.

To this end, the Congress more than fifty years ago designated the second Sunday in May of each year as Mother's Day and requested the President to issue a proclamation calling for its observance.

38 Stat. 771.
36 USC 142.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, pursuant to the joint resolution of May 8, 1914, do hereby request that Sunday, May 14, 1967, be observed as Mother's Day; and I direct the appropriate officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day.

I call upon all Americans on that day to pay special tribute to mothers—to our own mothers and to the mothers of our children—through the display of the flag at their homes or other suitable places, through prayers, and through other acts of love and devotion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.



DONE at the City of Washington this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-first.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Lyndon B. Johnson".

By the President:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dean Rusk".

Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3785

PRAYER FOR PEACE, MEMORIAL DAY, 1967

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

In reverent tribute on this Memorial Day 1967 we salute the gallant men of our country who have served us and still serve us so nobly and selflessly in defense of freedom.

We can never repay their sacrifices. Our honored dead sleep in hallowed ground on five continents. The debt we owe them, and that our children will owe for generations to come, is beyond measure.

Today, our young men are fighting and dying in Vietnam so that other young men may stand as they have stood—proudly independent, free to determine their own destiny. Before their common sacrifice and dedication the barriers of race, color, or creed crumble. The heroism of a just cause makes all men brothers against tyranny.

Every President in time of armed conflict must act in the deep conviction that the cause for which our young men suffer and die transcends their sacrifices.

A century ago President Lincoln expressed his grief over the terrible losses of the war between the States. He pointed out that all deprecated war, all sought to avoid it, but as there were those who would make war, so there must be those who could accept war.

We have had to accept the war in Vietnam to redeem our pledge to those who have accepted in good faith our commitment to protect their right of free choice. Only in this way can we preserve our own right to act in freedom.

So we shall continue to resist the aggressor in Vietnam, as we must.

But we continue to hold open the door to an honorable peace, as we must.

May 22, 1967